

RESOLUTION NO. 20-2003

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKIE, OREGON IN OPPOSITION TO THE FORMATION OF AN ELECTRIC PEOPLE'S UTILITY DISTRICT (PUD) IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY

WHEREAS, a petition to form a Multnomah County Electric PUD has been filed with Multnomah County; and

WHEREAS, the PUD petitioners have stated that they intend to provide electric energy within the proposed Multnomah County PUD in part with assets currently owned by Portland General Electric (PGE); and

WHEREAS, partitioning the current PGE system into smaller units will cause increased costs to remaining customers outside of Multnomah County; and

WHEREAS, a PUD will create uncertainty in an economy that is already strained, promoting the view that the Metro area is "anti-business," thus sending a negative message to businesses considering the Willamette Valley area a place to locate or expand at a time when the Oregon economy is struggling; and

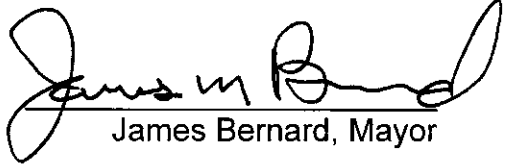
WHEREAS, local governments face the loss of millions of dollars annually in property taxes paid by PGE and Pacific Power; and

WHEREAS, the new proposed PUD will not have access to lower-priced BPA preference power in the foreseeable future, and, even when available, BPA rates have increased forty-five (45) percent in the last two years and are due to increase another fifteen (15) percent this year; and

WHEREAS, a start-up government utility would almost certainly commence operations with no power generation and would be dependent on the volatile wholesale market for nearly all power supply. It would sever Multnomah County from the integrated generating, transmission and distribution systems of PGE and Pacific Power;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukie City Council opposes formation of the Multnomah County PUD.

Introduced and adopted by the City Council of the City of Milwaukie on the
20th day of May 2003.


James Bernard, Mayor

ATTEST:



Pat DuVal, City Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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